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Exhibit A, letter from depositor stating FERM P-376 is withdrawn

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Re: FERM P-376

TO : Dr. Paul Shenker
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Thank you for your fax.

The strain you inquired about has been withdrawn by the depositor. Therefore, we regret we can not furnish it.

We are looking forward to our next opportunity to be helpful.

Best regards,

Kazuko Yoshida